

The "Connections Plan" was submitted to the Planning Commission in August 2006 and work sessions have been held, in September and November, January, March and April 2007. Planning Commission members focused on connections between service districts, which are in the county and currently outside of the scope of this plan. During the April work session it was determined by the Commissioners that a Public Hearing would be held for the plan on May 31, 2007, meeting starts at 7:00pm. This would be a good time for trail users and advocates to provide input to the plan. Once review is completed by the Planning Commission the plan will be forwarded on to the Board of Supervisors for another round of reviews and hearings. Once these reviews are completed the plan will become a part of the County Comprehensive Plan. Copies of the plan for review are available at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office, Warrenton Community Center, Vint Hill Village Green Community Center, C.M. Crockett Park Administration Office, Monroe Park, and the Fauquier County Library or on-line at: http://www.fauquiercounty.gov/government/departments/parksrec/index.cfm?action=fccp_toc

Trail development and installation through proffers was a big priority for the department in 2006. The department through developers, added trails at the following sub-divisions broken out by department service regions:

EASTERN & CENTRAL

Brookside, Silver Cup, White's Mill, and Jamison's Farm Phase 1, all of which are currently in varying stages of construction. These are all located in the Warrenton/ New Baltimore area of the county. A loop is beginning to form around Warrenton and connection between Warrenton/New Baltimore/Vint Hill beginning to evolve.

For 2007 trails continue to be a priority of the Parks and Recreation Department and the new sub-divisions during department plan review have been requested to provide trails. Details by department service areas are as follows:

CENTRAL

Warrenton Chase is currently under construction and will complete a proffered loop portion around Warrenton, which will run from RT.29 in the Comfort Inn area almost to the Fair Grounds/Central Sports Complex.

The Lord Fairfax Community College Trail will be built by the department and is the first phase of and purposed extension to the Warrenton Branch Greenway.

EASTERN

Phases 2 & 3 of the Jamison Farm Trail should begin in 2007 which will continue the trail link between Warrenton and New Baltimore.

Staff is meeting with Brookside developers to revise the trail system plan for the entire site.

SOUTHERN

Freedom Place and Colonial Crossing in Bealeton and Opal Creek in Opal are in plan review now so trail construction is not expected for sometime.

The Lee's Glen Trail that connects to Pierce Elementary is planned and now awaiting funding.

DEPARTMENT

The department is also beginning the process of developing the first phase of a trail standards manual which will provide guidance in trail development and construction. This project is expected to take several budget cycles to complete but will become a part of the County's Design Standards manual.

The information provided is current as of 5/11/07